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May 14th 1920

Dear Mr. Wood:

I have several new numismatic problems I should like to submit to you for any aid you can render. I have one Chinese piece and four Mexican Revolutionary pieces which came to me recently. The descriptions follow. The sizes given are in six-tenths of the inch as I mislaid my mm scale:

NO. 1 SIZE 12.
COPPER

Obv. Liberty cap & rays. REPUBLICA MEXICANA around top. 1915 below.

Rev. \$ monogram. EJERCITO DEL NORD.
EDO DE ----- below. (name of state illegible)

NO. 2 SIZE 19.
COPPER

Obv. Eagle, serpent & cactus. Wreath below.

REPUBLICA MEXICANA above poorly engraved.

Rev. 1915
CENTAVOS 50 surrounded by wreath.

C. M. GRO above.

NO. 3 SIZE 17.
COPPER

Obv. Eagle, serpent & cactus. Wreath below.

* REPUBLICA * MEXICANA * above.

Rev. S (SC.) monogram, surrounded by wreath.

* TAXCO GRO 1915 * above.

NO. 4 SIZE 12 1/2
COPPER

Obv. 1914 in large figures. + ESTADO DE - above.

DURANGO below.

Rev. 1 with faint traces of surrounding wreath.
CENT. Very poorly struck.

NO. 5 SIZE 11
BRASS

with circular central hole size 2

1 each with the figures or characters on obv. which occur on field of reverse of the Tai Ching Li Shuo copper coins. on reverse the character for "1" above the hole and the character for "Cash" below. Is this a coin of the Republic or the Emp. Hsuan Tung?

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Thanking you in advance for any information you
can give me concerning these pieces and apologizing
for troubling you, I am

Yours truly

Geo. F. Brown

R. 408 City Hall,

Chicago

Ill.

N.B. The Chinese coin has no
device and no English inscription.

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May 18th, 1920

George F. Brown, Esq.
Rm. 408 City Hall
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Brown:

Your letter of May 14th addressed to Mr. Wood has just been received. Mr. Wood has left for a four months' vacation abroad, and is now in London. Just before he went, he sent to the printers an article on the Mexican Revolutionary Coinage, about 1913-16, which will now shortly be ready for publication.

In going through the manuscript of his article, I do not seem to find any pieces exactly like those which you describe -

Number One seems to be similar to the pieces which we have struck in Chihuahua, but we do not have these in the One Centavo denomination; our smallest being Five Centavos. The Chihuahua pieces do not have the Reverse inscription EJERCITO DEL NORO, having instead EJERCITO CONSTITUCIONALISTA and the date 1915 below the monogram on the reverse. The Obverse is like that you describe: except instead of the date below, the liberty cap and rays is the inscription EDE CHIHUA.

In regard to Number Two, we have nothing like it in copper that I have located, but we do have pieces in silver with C.N.GRO. And I notice in Mr. Wood's manuscript that he says the word "GRO" stands for "Guerrero". He, also, speaks of the fact that the pieces for this State were struck in the city or town of Tasco or, as it is spelt on the coins, "Taxco", which gives the location of your piece Number Three.

(over)

George F. Brown, Esq.

May 18, 1920

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Piece Number Four is similar to one which we have except that our Obverse has E DE DURANGO above the date 1914, and three stars below. The Reverse is like yours and the whole piece is, also, very poorly struck.

I am sending a description of your pieces to Mr. Wood in London and perhaps will be able to give you more information when I hear from him, but I judge from the fact that I do not find them described in his manuscript that he had never heard of them.

Would it be possible for you to have them photographed, both obverses and reverses for us as, if they are not anything that Mr. Wood has seen, we should probably like to print a little supplement to Mr. Wood's article?

I will refer the inquiry in regard to the Chinese piece to Mr. Reilly, and you will probably hear from him about it.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to Curator

W/R

Chicago Ill
May 24th 1920.

Mr. Arthur S. Wyman,
A. N. S. New York.

Dear Mr. Wyman:

Your kind reply of May 18th
received some days ago. I am very glad to be
of some service to you in the matter of "dig-
ging up" something which you have not seen.
In answer to your request for photographs of
these coins, I could not get satisfactory assur-
ance of good results on account of the poor conditions
combined with the small size of some of the pieces.
Evidently the photographers whom I consulted
do not have or do much work of this nature.
Consequently I am sending you the coins them-
selves and you can get results from some
there by your own process much better than
I can with the aid of disinterested persons.
When you are through with them kindly return
to me by registered mail. If I can get any
duplicates of these from the party who supplied
these pieces I will gladly present them to you.

Regarding the "Army of the North" coin, I do not now
 recall what organization this was in 1915. It
 looks like the Villa 5¢ & 10¢ pieces, though
 much inferior in workmanship; but if struck
 by him, why should not the obverse inscription be
 the same? Unfortunately the name of the state is
 illegible.

as to the 5¢ & 50¢ pieces, if GBO is an
 abbreviation of Guerrero, then these pieces
 must be issues of Emiliano Zapata, who
 operated in this state. What do you think?

Kindly give my regards to Mr. Reilly and tell
 him that I have picked up quite a few modern Chinese
 coppers (my special hobby) since I met him. Last
 week I picked up a Foo-tien 10-cash of the dragon
 type, with the value "10 CASHES" which was new
 to me; also a 2-cash of Fookien, cast, with
 round hole and flags of the Republic, about which
 he told me when here. But the 200-cash of
 size China with crossed flags I have ~~not~~ obtained
 as yet, though I have a set of this province in
 brass 10c, 20c, 50c, & 100c. of another type.

With kindest regards,

I am yours truly,

Geo. F. Brown,
 R. 408 City Hall,
 Chicago Ill.

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There is also
 a one cash

Have ~~100~~
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 + 20 of 1st year
 no 502 or 1002

May 27th, 1920

George F. Brown, Esq.
Rm. 408, City Hall
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Brown:

Your coins arrived safely and I was extremely glad to see them and have the opportunity of photographing them myself, which I will do in a day or two. Just at present, the sale of the Miller Collection is occupying nearly every minute of my time and it will not be before next week that I can get at your coins. As soon as I have finished, I will return them to you, together with such comment as I may be able to make them.

I appreciate very much your offer to endeavor to secure specimens of these pieces for us. Mr. Wood has been particularly interested in the Mexican Revolutionary coinage, and I know he would be very pleased if we secured additions to our present collection during his absence.

Very truly yours,

W/E

Asst. to Curator

June 8th, 1920

George F. Brown, Esq.
Rm. 408, City Hall
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Brown:

I am returning, herewith, the four Mexican Revolutionary pieces. I am inclined to think that the "Army of the North" coin is one of the Villa issues in spite of the inferior workmanship. As far as I can remember, no one except Villa issued coins under the authority of the Army of the North. The five and fifty cent pieces are, undoubtedly, issued under the authority of Zapata; their inscription, I think, determines this beyond a doubt. Probably, all the pieces are extremely rare. I feel sure of this owing to the fact that Mr. Wood had apparently never seen them, notwithstanding his very strenuous efforts to get hold of, or information about, every one of the Mexican coins during the Revolutionary period.

I certainly hope that you may be able to secure specimens of them for us, and I have also written to one or two others to be on the lookout for them. We have got very satisfactory photographs of them, much better than the condition of the pieces would lead one to think possible.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to Curator

W/F
Enc.



THOS. H. BYRNE
SUPERINTENDENT

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Chicago Ill.
6-21-20

Mr. A. C. Wyman,
New York.

Dear Mr. Wyman:

Coin was safely received
some days ago. I am writing especially to
inform you of another find - to me - though
you may have it. From your letter of May 18th,
however, I infer you have not.

It is another piece of Durango in copper.
It is a worse - sturdier specimen, if possible,
than the one I submitted to you. The description
follows:

5-centavos, 1914, in copper, size $1\frac{1}{2}$ sixteenth inch.
OBV: Large 1914 in field. at top ESTADODURANGO. The
lower part of coin is so poorly struck that I cannot tell
whether there should be stars there as in your specimen or not.
REV: Large **5** (last of centavos illegible); this is within a
circle, ^{thus} (-:-:-) which seems to be continuous though in
the lower part it is not visible.

OVER

Please convey my thanks to Mr. Bailey for
his kind reply to my inquiry re to the Chinese
coins. I added nearly a hundred specimens to
my modern Chinese copper collection - in which I
am particularly interested - since I last wrote.
Among them was a 10 cash of Tung-Hsien (Yunnan-
Shih-Hai) with the ins. in English "The First
year of Tung Shuan". I do not know if this
piece is considered rare; but I was much pleased
to obtain it.

With kindest regards,

I am, Respectfully,

Geo. F. Brown,

B. 408 City Hall
Chicago, Ill.

July 20th, 1920

George F. Brown, Esq.
Rm. 408, City Hall
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Brown:

I have just received from New Orleans as a gift to the Society, a 1-centavo piece which I think clears up the difficulty in regard to your 1-centavo, 1915, of which the name of the issuing State was obliterated.

I am enclosing, herewith, a rubbing of the obverse and reverse of the piece in question, which shows the issue to be of one Jalisco.

I was, also, very much interested in the piece you described in your last letter but, unfortunately, have mislaid that letter and wonder if it would be too much trouble to send us another description - or, perhaps the piece itself for photographing.

Owing to the difficulty of printing, we have had to hold up Mr. Wood's article on these pieces, and now believe that it will be possible to include in it the ones which have turned up since it originally went to press. As Mr. Wood is going to return shortly now, I want to get the material ready for him so that there will be no further delay after his return.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to Curator

s/L
Enc.

Chicago Ill.,

July 28th 1920.

Mr. A. C. Wyman,
New York.

Dear Mr. Wyman:

Yours of the 20th inst. just
came to hand today as I have been away
for a vacation of a few days.

I am of the opinion that the Mex. Revolutionary
series will prove an extensive field the way new
pieces come to light. I thank you for iden-
tifying the coin for me. If struck in Jalisco
it may not be a Villa issue, as, I think, he
made only an occasional raid that far south.
I am enclosing the 5¢ orange for photograph
which you may return when you are through
with.

I am being obliged to dispose of most
of my collection, owing to financial pressure;
but mean to retain Mex. Revolutionary, Modern
Chinese and European war & necessity issues.

I do not know whether I shall attempt to
collect other lines again.

Thanking you I am

Yours truly

Geo. F. Brown,

R. 408 City Hall,

Chicago Ill.

August 10th, 1920

George F. Brown, Esc.
Rm. 408, City Hall
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Brown:

I am returning herewith the coin which you sent on to us to photograph. We got a surprising good print of it notwithstanding its condition, and I am very grateful to you for your assistance to me in getting together additional material for Mr. Wood's article.

Did I tell you that owing to an error on the part of the printer, that article which he had prepared on Mexican Revolutionary coins has had to be reprinted? This being the case, I am now holding it until Mr. Wood gets back so that he can add the pieces received from you and one or two others from different sources - thus, making it more complete.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to Curator

W/E
Enc.

Chicago Ill.

Sept. 3rd 1920.

Mr. A. C. Wyman,
New York.

Dear Mr. Wyman:-

I made the acquaintance of a collector, Mr. Snow of San Francisco, while here at the A. N. A. Convention. He, like myself, is interested in modern Chinese issues; and he informed me that your Society had issued several years ago — before my enlistment with you — a reprint of "Chinese Republican Coins" by G. Ros. If this be so, would you inform me, please, where a copy can be obtained, or if it is distributed by you, and the price of same? The same query extends also to Mr. Wood's "Coinage of the West Indies etc." which I should like to obtain. Also, when his (Mr. Wood's) article on Mexican Revolutionary Coins comes from the press, I should like to be down for a copy of same. I am addressing you, personally, so I have had more correspondence with you than with any one else of the Society. Thinking you
I am yours truly Geo. F. Brown
P. 408 City Hall, Chicago Ill

September 5th, 1920

George F. Brown, Esq.
R.408, City Hall,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Brown:

Mr. Snow, of San Francisco, also stopped at our Museum on his way to the Convention and showed me some very interesting pieces which, I presume, you too had the opportunity of seeing.

In regard to the reprint of the Chinese Republican Coins by G. Ros, this was not published by our Society, but is reprinted from the Journal of the North China Branch, Royal Asiatic Society. We have only one copy of it here in the Museum, but I presume that you could get one by communicating directly with Mr. Ros, addressing him - Consulate General of Italy, Shanghai, China. We did reprint Mr. Wood's 'Coinage of the West Indies', and I am mailing you a copy today under separate cover. The only copies in hand are some belonging to Mr. Wood personally, and I do not know at what price he holds them, but I am sending this to you and will let you know the price when he returns. I am sure the price is moderate.

We have been delayed in getting out Mr. Wood's article on Mexican Revolutionary Coinage. This has been partly due to the difficulty with the printer, but I have taken advantage of the delay to serve as an excuse not to print it at all until Mr. Wood's return next week, so that we may add to it a number of pieces which have turned up since it originally went to press. Included in these will be several of the pieces which you so kindly gave me an opportunity to examine.

I hope that some time you can get to New York and look our Collection over; also, I would like to meet you personally. I was much disappointed in not being able to get to the A.N.A. Convention as I had hoped to do, but in Mr. Wood's absence abroad it seemed impossible for me to leave the Museum.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to Curator

September 23rd, 1920.

Mr. George F. Brown,
Room 408 City Hall,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Brown:-

I beg to thank you for sending on to Mr. Wyman the coins of the Mexican Revolution. These have been quite a help to me, and if you locate any more I would be very glad to know about them. Also if you get duplicates of any of the pieces, I would like to get them.

Very truly yours,

Curator.



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Sept. 27th 20

Mr. Howland Wood,
New York.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Your letter of 23rd inst. I received Saturday. I am glad to know I have been of some service, if only in a small way.

In accordance with my word to Mr. Byrnes, I notified the party from whom I obtained these pieces several months ago - to be on the lookout for more of them. He states they are very hard to procure; but I have written again this date with hopes of success. He had some of the madder pieces also but unfortunately I spoke too late to get these.

With best regards I am

Yours truly

Geo. F. Brown

R. 408 City Hall

Chicago Ill.

Chicago Ill.,
June 7th 1921.

Mr. Howard Wood,
New York N.Y.
Dear Sir:

I have received a copy of
your work on Mexican Revolutionary coins and
wish to extend thanks to you and the Society
for producing a book of this kind. It alone
is worth the "price of admission" to use a
side-show expression. I am selfish enough to
hope you will issue one on the Modern Chinese
series.

Of these two series I collect only the copper and
other minor metals, but have not made a coin to
either collection in over a year. I understand
you dispose of your duplicates by sale to collec-
tors. If this be so I should be pleased if
you will kindly remember me if, or when,
you have any coppers of these two series to
dispose of.

With best regards wishes,

Yours very truly,

Geo. F. Brown
R. 408 City Hall,
Chicago
Ill.

June 27, 1921

Mr. George F. Brown
R.408 City Hall
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

I am very much pleased that you like my endeavours on the Mexican series, and I have been trying to persuade Mr. Bailey to do something now and then on the Chinese series.

I have not added a coin to the Mexican series for some time, and our Chinese coins have not as yet been sent over to weed out all the duplicates. We do occasionally sell duplicate coins; most of them, however, are not in auction sales.

Very truly yours,

Curator

R.Y.

Chicago Ill.,

Sept. 19th 1921

Mr. Howard Wood,

New York N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

In the report of your Committee on Foreign coins in the 1920 proceedings of the A. N. S. I note they list ^{in gold} \$5 and \$10 pieces issued by the government of Yunnan Province (China)

A 50-cent in bronze of the same issue has recently come into my possession, which I thought might possibly be new to you.

It was described to me as an issue of the "Tong ji yao rule of yu-nan" from which I inferred that the Chinese ^{name} ~~name~~ was not personal; but, rather, the title of a revolutionary faction. It is evidently the same name as given in your committee's report

which was rendered in English "Tong Chai yao."

This piece of 50-cash presupposes the existence of other denominations in bronze or copper, and if you know of such, would you mind imparting such information to me. I am enclosing postage.

With best regards

Yours very Respectfully

Geo. F. Brown

P. 408 City Hall

Chicago Ill.

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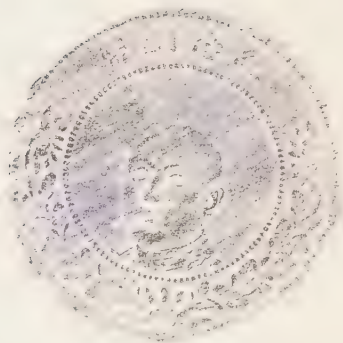
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September 21st, 1921

George F. Brown, Esq.
R.408 City Hall
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Brown:

I know very little concerning the series of coins about which you write. I have never seen the copper piece of which you send a rubbing.

We have seen a silver piece (rubbing enclosed) and I understand that there are gold pieces of 25, 10 and - let us say - 5 dollars. The Chinese denomination I do not know. I was told the other day that a pamphlet concerning this issue has recently been published in Shanghai.

The notation I have on my silver piece is as follows - Issued by General Fong Yee leung in Che Kiang. However, I think that Che Kiang is wrong, and it should be Yun Nan.

If I hear anything more with regard to these, I will let you know.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

Chicago Ill.,

Aug. 27th 1923

Mr Howland Wood,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I am sending you herein
two Roman bronzes of which I would like
your opinion as to authenticity. If genuine
will you also tell me if the gardeners
belongs to the First or second of that name.

Am enclosing postage & registration for
return, thanking you in advance,

Sincerely Respectfully

Geo. F. Brown

R. 408 City Hall

Chicago

Ill.

August 30th, 1923

Mr. George F. Brown
R.408, City Hall
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Brown:

We are returning, under separate cover,
the two coins which you sent on to us, both
of which are cast copies. And that is about
all I can say about them.

Very truly yours,

Curator

ET/E

November 21st, 1924

Mr. George F. Brown
R.408 City Hall
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for sending me the rubbings of the 2-centavo piece of Guerrero province. This is new to me. I think I have accumulated rubbings, descriptions, or the coins themselves of about twenty new pieces; but as additions are slowly coming in, I have not made up my mind yet to write a supplement.

I appreciate your keeping me informed of new things in your collection.

The other day, I noticed that Guttag had several new varieties - one, especially, being a 10-centavo of the Madero Brigade. Zerbe has supplied me with about as much information as anyone.

Again thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Curator

January 2nd, 1926

Mr. George F. Brown
Rm. 408, City Hall
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Brown:

I was very glad to get your letter, and many thanks for the Mexican copper coin which you sent as a Christmas gift. I was very glad to receive it as we had not a specimen of this in our collection. For some time, I have been making notes of all pieces not in my previous list, and this which you have kindly sent, was included in the list now being prepared. If you have any other pieces not mentioned, I wish you would send me rubbings and descriptions of them, as I am desirous of publishing a supplement later on.

The small name appearing on Coin II had absolutely escaped me. I am sorry that I cannot help you with this name in full. I later received from Mexico City, the interpretation of the initials on the Madero Brigade coin, which was confirmed as well by the discovery of the ten-cent piece. It is Sierra Norte de Pueblo.

I have gotten a number of rubbings of new pieces, but have received very few new specimens for our collection.

With but few exceptions, nearly all seem to be rare today.

We have a few of the new Chinese nickel-coins from various Chinese Mints. Mr. Reilly is in China, and presumably he will bring back a great number of new coins.

With every good wish to you for the New Year,

Very truly yours,

Curator

Chicago Ill.

June 25th 26

Mr. Howard Wood,

New York.

Dear Sir:-

I am answering your letter of some months ago in which you ask for rubbings of Mexican coins new to you and me. I am arranging to have photographs made of such coins as I think would be of interest to you, and will send them as soon as made. Has Mr. Reilly returned yet? If he has, or when he does, would you ask him kindly to write me? Frankly my object is to get away from him any duplicates in my line he may have.

As a matter of interest to you, as you probably have not heard it, I want to

inform you of the death of Mr. Virgil M.
Brady which occurred on the 20th inst.

Most Respectfully yours.

Geo. F. Brown

P. 408 City Hall
Chicago Ill.

June 29th, 1926

Mr. George F. Brown
Rm. 408 City Hall
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Brown:

Your letter arrived on Saturday and I was very much surprised to learn of the death of Virgil M. Brand. If you know any details, I should like to hear further from you. I suppose he died suddenly.

I should be very glad to receive the photographs of the Mexican coins when you have them made.

Mr. Reilly will not return from China until September sometime. As in all probability he will be very busy when he first gets back, I would suggest your writing him in October or November.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Chicago Ill.

July 7th 26

Mr. Howard Wood,

New York.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Am replying to your
last letter re Mr. Brand's death in
which you express a desire for details.
Mr. Brand, as you possibly know, was somewhat
of a recluse, lived very simply, and
had few intimates, of which I was not
one, although I knew him as a fellow
club member and collector. He died
on Sunday morning June 20th at the place
he lived in on Elston av. Burial was on
Wednesday June 23rd in the family
mausoleum in Graceland Cemetery. I
did not hear of his death until the day

of the funeral. I was speaking yesterday to
a friend of the Brand family who had been to
see him while awaiting burial. He told me
that while there he was informed that Mr.
Brand died of blood poisoning caused from an
infected boil. I do not believe this is correct.
I was talking to Mr. Dunham the day after
the funeral, which he attended. He had seen
Mr. Brand some time before. He was then
ill and had not been from his room for a
month before that. Mr. Dunham was of the
opinion that his death was due to kidney
or heart trouble.

This you will see, Mr. Wood, is merely
opinion. I know nothing myself and only
transmit the tales of others. It is not much
but all I have to offer.

Yours very truly
Geo. F. Brown

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Albino IL.

1-6-27

Dear Mr. Wood :-

I am bothering you again with my dues for 1928 but do so because I wanted to write you on a matter suggested by Mr. Little and which I consider a good idea. It is the simple matter of binding a few copies of your forthcoming book on Mexican Revolutionary coins in flexible leather for use by some of us who have occasion to make frequent use of them. of course it would be expected to entail an extra charge which no one would be reluctant to pay who is at all interested in these books. I meant to mention this to Mr. Zube when I last wrote to him but it slipped my mind at the time.

I have your numbers in first edition complete now except #5. This claim covers #60 and the 5¢ oaxaca with facing back.

Yours most truly

Geo. F. Brown

Chicago Ill.

Jan. 20th 1927

Dear Mr. Wood: -

I have been meaning to write you for some time to extend my thanks to you for furnishing my name to Mr. Little of Spokane as a collector of Mexican coins. Through your kind remembrance I have been able to get quite a few new pieces. I would have had more but for the fact that one consignment was lost or stolen from the mail.

Incidentally I wish to say that the pieces I had to furnish you for illustration are all represented by those which Mr. Little has already submitted to you - so I will not trouble you with more. He certainly has a collection

of three pieces of which anyone might be proud. I am not envious, but wish I might equal it.

I am sending you herewith a check for my 1927 dues. I have mislaid your society's notice. I have no duplicates of anything worth while just now to turn over to you; but, if I can pick up a few obliging gentlemen like Mr. Little, I may be able to do something soon. See my ad. in January "Numismatist," covering Mexico and China.

I wrote to Mr. Reilly early in October regarding Chinese coins. Would you mind suggesting to him that I would appreciate an answer to my letter?

with best regards

Geo. F. Deane
R. 408 City Hall
Chicago. Ill.

Chicago Ill.

June 23rd 27

Dear Mr. Wood: -

I am going to impose on you again in connection with my Chinese coin-collecting activities as you see by the inclosures. Our mutual friend Mr. Little has induced me to extend my Mexican Revolution list to include gold and silver, so I feel it logical to extend the modern Chinese also, as I am unfamiliar with them, I am appealing to you to assist me in labeling them properly. Many that I have I have the date on already. It is only the Republican dollars, at least some of them, that I am asking help on. I am sending rubbings of a few coppers, also, about which there are points I should like information. I hope I am not asking too much.

Mr. Little has slipped me in some to such
and extent that I begin to feel as if I
have a real Mexican collection. Among
other items I secured the 60 pesos gold,
a few in silver and many in copper
and lead. I decided a little too late
to get the best silver he had. My entire
Mexican collection now numbered about
175 pieces.

Please give my regards to Mr. Reilly.
When he wrote me last winter he had
been ill, and I trust he has improved
since then. As for yourself please accept
my best wishes and my thanks for the
favors I am asking herein.

Yours most truly
Geo. F. Brown
Chicago, Ill.

P. 408 City & Sub.

June 28, 1927

Mr. George F. Brown,
R. 408, City Hall,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Brown:

I received your letter and am returning your rubbings with a little information that I have. Unfortunately, I have not followed up especially the modern Chinese coins. Mr. Reilly is away for the summer so I cannot ask him.

I think you will find Mr. Little a wonderful correspondent and I know that he has a most extraordinary lot of duplicates.

I am just about to start on my vacation.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB
Encl.

September 7, 1927

Mr. George F. Brown,
Room 405,
City Hall,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Brown:

I am beginning to assemble material for a new edition of the "Revolutionary Coins of Mexico." I see by my notes that you called my attention to the coin, my number 31, has having more of an inscription than I gave. Could you possibly send this on to me? Also, at one time the St. Louis Coin & Stamp Co. had a variety of my number 46, which they think they sold to you. It seems to be quite different in its work and I would very much like to photograph this. If you should happen to have it, would you send that on as well?

Very truly yours,

Curator

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A. 408 City St. Bldg.

Chicago Ill.

Sept. 10th 1927.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Yours of 7th received yesterday. I am very glad to do a bit to aid you in the new venture, however little it may be. Mr. Little told me some time ago that you were compiling a new edition of Mex. Rev. although I have much more material than I had at the time of your previous edition, I did not offer anything to you, because I knew that Mr. Little had furnished you with everything I had.

I am sending you four pieces.

Regarding the inscription on #21 at base of above you will note that it is partly illegible. Mr. Little states that, on another specimen shown to him, also on a 50¢ guerrero in the Landa collection, the lettering is "M. S. VILLA." This is most likely the same.

of #46 I am sending you two specimens which seem to be of the same date. The darker tinted one is from St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co. the lighter one showing red is a later acquisition.

from Mr. Little. Whether the dies are different from Mr. Le Blanc's specimen is hard to say by comparison with the illustration.

The fourth item is a variety of #11. I have all the varieties noted by Mr. Little except his #11². This seems to be one outside his list and, when I sent him a description of it some months ago, he stated he did not have it. He may have acquired it since. I send it on so you may make use of it if needed. I submit the following description:

OBV: Similar to Little's 11 d; but stem and berry, springing from right-hand top of bowl, no shaped circle on end of ribbon. The stem on left springs from spring - not from the bowl. The earri~~er~~ of the figures 1 not so long.

REV: as that of Little's #11 a

I forgot to mention that I am sending the coins under separate cover, registered. In making up your new edition do you contemplate embodying the old list into the new and renumbering, or is it to be in form of a supplement?

I have no doubt the fairly numerous col-

editors of this series, my self included, will
anxiously await the appearance of the book.
I wish you all success and wish I could do
more to help.

In closing I want to ask if you know
where I might possibly obtain a 10-cash Book
of FEN-TIEN PROVINCE? This is probably a silly question
but I do not know where else to put such a
query except to you and Mr. Kelly. Has Mr.
Kelly returned from his vacation yet?

with best regards

Geo. F. Brown

September 12, 1927

Mr. George F. Brown,
Room 408,
City Hall,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Your letter and the package came today. I want to thank you very much for sending them on. My No. 21 with that puzzling name on the bottom is still a puzzle. I do not think Dr. Landa can have the 50 centavo piece with a similar name or he would have told me of it. I, however, will write him. Where did you get the information from? The No. 46 is not the one I am looking for. In rereading my notes I find that it should be in silver from an entirely different die. I will write St. Louis again to see if they can remember. I would like to keep these coins a little while until I photograph another lot.

I really cannot help you out on the ten cash piece of Fen-Tien Province. Have you written Kohler? He seems to have a number of Chinese pieces. Mr. Reilly is still in Nantucket and will be there until the end of the month.

I am enclosing stamps amounting to 26 cents for the registered package of coins.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB
Encl.

October 24, 1927

Mr. George F. Brown,
Room 408,
City Hall,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Brown:

I am herewith returning the coins that
you sent some time ago. I have made a good photograph
of those I wanted. I have at last made out the small
inscription. It is M. Sevilla.

I beg to thank you for sending this on
and remain

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB

Chicago Ill.
Jan. 30th 1929

Mr. Howard Wood,
New York N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I want to acknowledge receipt of the complimentary copy of your fine book on the coins of the Mexican Revolutionists. I deeply accept my thanks for it and for remembering my small assistance to you in producing it. I did not submit much material to you as I feel certain that Messrs. Hill and Little would supply you with anything I had. I have not picked up any new specimens in this series for a very long time, but have been adding to the Chinese steadily. Mr. Schuchman, when here, informed me that you were compiling a monograph on the coins of Siam. I sincerely trust that is correct as I find many puzzles among these which I should like to have solved. In this series I recently picked up the 1-mace & 2-mace

in good, which I do not think are met with frequently. I hope your society was successful in securing the collection of Swedish coins.

Again thanking you I am

yours very truly

Geo. F. Brown

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